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LESSON FOR JULY 20

THE LORD'S SUPPER.

LESSON TEXT.—For as often as ye  
GOLDEN TEXT.—For as often as ye  
show the Lord's death until he come.—I Cor.  
11:26.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL.—Mark 14:23;

Matthew 26:26; John 18:28.

PRIMARY TOPIC.—The meaning of the  
Lord's Supper.

JUNIOR TOPIC.—The meaning of the  
Lord's Supper.

SECONDARY TOPIC.—The meaning of the  
Lord's Supper.

IDEAS AND QUESTIONS.

COMBINATIONS.

1. The Institution of the Lord's Supper  
(Matt. 26:28; I Cor. 11:23).

2. The Circumstances: In connection  
with the institution of the Supper. At the  
command of Jesus the disciples made ready  
the Passover, and while they were  
ready he came and said, "Behold, I have  
blessed it; eat, this is my body which is  
given for you." And he took the cup and  
gave it to the disciples.

3. Elements: (1) The bread. This  
represents the common bread of the  
people of God, the church. The cup  
consisted of the fruit of the vine.

4. The Significance of the Lord's  
Supper (Matt. 26:28; I Cor. 11:24-26).

Jesus took natural and literal ele-

ments and made them to be

the body and blood of Christ. Just as our

bread and drink are assimilated into

brain and bone, becoming an integral

part of us, so the elements are

symbol of the covenant parishes of

Christ. He becomes a part of us and

we are in Him. It is both a memorial

and a sacrifice.

5. A Memorial of the Lord (Luke

22:19). When we eat the bread and

drink the wine we do it by which we remember him. Those

who love him will desire to keep sac-

crament.

6. The Lord's sacrificial death  
(Cor. 11:26). He did not die

as a hero or as an example of unselfish

dewness, but as a substitutionary

ransom. The cross is made expi-

ation for our sins.

7. The Lord's resurrection from the

dead (Cor. 15:18). This is the

highest proof of the resurrection of

the Son of God, the redemption

of man.

8. Through the elements the believ-

er receives the body and blood

of Christ, a member of his

body. Christ liveth in the believer

(Gal. 2:20). The body of Christ com-

municates the life of Christ to believers,

making them one body joined togeth-

er (Eph. 1:10). This is the

highest proof of the resurrection of

the Son of God.

9. Through all the elements the believ-

er receives the life of Christ, the

body and blood of Christ (1 Cor. 10:17).

5. A forward look to a completed re-

demption (1 Cor. 10:20). When faith

is exercised there is a redemp-

tive element in the service.

6. A forward look to the coming of the

Lord's body (v. 20, ch. 2:20). Faith in

the integrity of Christ's person and

work is the greatest evidence that one does

not believe in the absolute duty of

Christ and his vicarious atonement

is an attitude of indifference.

7. Church membership (1 Cor. 11:18-22). The Lord's body is the church

which is composed of regenerated men

and women who are members of the

body and to each other as mem-

bers of that body by the Holy Spirit.

8. Ordination to walk. The necessary

show of character and the

ability to teach and to lead

the church to its proper conduct.

9. Qualifications for Participation

In the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:27-28).

1. A proper recognition of its

meaning. Every Christian

should know what the

service is to do it sincerely.

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